

Exhibit B:

- 1. (2x amended) A method of [preventing] inhibiting atherosclerosis in a subject suffering from hyperlipidemia which comprises administering to the subject a polypeptide [which is an agent] comprising the V-domain of sRAGE or a derivative thereof capable of inhibiting an interaction between AGE and RAGE in an amount effective to [prevent] inhibit atherosclerosis in the subject.--